



Oklahoma Child Support Enforcement Association

2004 Summer/Fall Newsletter

2004 Fall Conference

The 2004 Fall Conference is being held at the National Center for Employee Development in Norman, Oklahoma on September 15, 16 and 17. This two-and-a-half day event is being hosted by OCSEA, the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and the District Attorney's Council. There are five tracks being offered (two CS Specialist, Continuing Legal Education, Supervisor/Manager and a General track. Forty-four sessions are being offered in which an individual could earn eleven hours of CLE, twelve hours of CSE Program Specific and nine hours of supervisory professional development credit. One new item at the conference this year is the replacement of attendance sheets with individual attendance cards.

This conference is the first opportunity for new Oklahoma IV-D Director, Gary Dart, to address the CSE employees. He was introduced by President Lee Cohlmi of the District Attorney's Council. OKDHS Director Howard Hendrick was on hand to introduce the keynote speaker, First Lady Kim Henry.

2004 OCSEA Award recipients

This year, a record number of nominations were received for the OCSEA awards. The following are being recognized:

Caseworker of the Year: April Marble
 Supervisor of the Year: Sue Reeder
 Support Staff Member of the Year: Paula Gibson and Kathleen Estrada
 Investigator of the Year: Jerry Nelson
 Office Manager of the Year: Diana Jarman
 Attorney of the Year: Jana Ford and Joe Watkins
 Office of the Year: Norman
 State Office Employee of the Year: Katherine Vittitow
 Judge of the Year: Lisa Hammond
 Media of the Year: Gwen Faulkner-Lippert
 OCSEA Member of the Year: Sharon Rogus

2004 Officer Nominations

The Board of Directors and Officer nominations received prior to the 2004 Business Meeting are:

President-Elect/Treasurer-Elect: Anne Lawrence and Barb Perkins
 Secretary: Betty Gatlin
 Parliamentarian: Katherine Vittitow
 Board Members:
 STO: James Mitchell and Beverly Walker
 DHS: Mary Anderson and District Attorney:
 Contract: Jennifer Hodges

Proposed By-Laws Changes

At the 2004 Business Meeting, two by-laws changes are being proposed. The first is concerning the eligibility of members to run an Officer or Board position as soon as they are a voting member in good standing. The second is concerning OCSEA becoming the certificate-issuing organization for the OKDHS Child Support Specialist Certification Program.

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